GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5615
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2000
DECENTRALISATION OF EDUCATION
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA;SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to decentralise education System and to give responsibility of the primary education to the Municipal and Panchayat/local bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the manner in which the people living below poverty line are likely to be benefited due to decentralisation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): In pursuance of the 73rd and 74the Constitutional Amendments, 3 Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee was constituted to formulate guidelines on decentralised management of education district, sub-district and and Village levels. The report of the Committee was endorsed by the Chief Ministers` Conference held in New Delhion 15th February 1994. The report has been commended to the State? Governments and UT Administrations for appropriate adaptation and effective implementation keeping in view their specific situation The main recommendations of the CABE Committee are annexed. Implementation of these recommendations would ensure community participation in planning and management of education which, in turn, would take care of the special needs of the children of the parents living below poverty line.

ANNEXE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5615 FOR 02.05.2000 REGARDING DECENTRALISATION OF EDUCATION ASKED BY SHRI SUNIL KHAN AND SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA,MPs

1. Separate Education Committees to be set up at Panchayat,Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad level.

2. The Panchayat Standing Committee will exercise supervision overearly childhood care and education, non- formal education, primary education and adult education programmes in its jurisdiction. It will also exercise supervision over composite upper primary schools under delegation of powers from the Panchayat samiti.

3. The Panchayat samiti Standing Committee on Education will be responsiblefor management of adult education, non-formal education, early childhood care and education and schools of the Panchayat Raj bodies upto upper primary level, under the overall supervision of the Zilla Parishad.

4. The powers of the Zilla Parishad Standing Committee on Education will include establishment and maintenance of schools upto secondary level including recruitment and appointment of staff and payment of salaries, subject to government guidelines . All existing schools upto secondary level will be transferred to the control of Zilla Parishad. In future all secondary schools in the state sector will be established only by the Zilla Parishad. The Committee will also channelize grants to aided schools subject to government rules. It will also exercise academic supervision of all schools including private schools upto secondary level.

5. The government primary, upper primary and secondary schools in the municipal areas alongwith their staff may be transferred to different Municipalities. They will have control over the staff except in matters of recruitment which will be done by an organisation designated for this purpose by the State Government.

6. The state government may provide adequate grants to these bodies for managing the institutions transferred to them as well as development grants.

7. The state government or an appropriate state level body would exercise overall supervision and retain residuary powers. Government.